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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF
TASER 7-TASERS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Authorize the purchase of 150 Taser 7 model tasers (Tasers) for the Los Angeles County Probation Department (Probation).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to proceed with the purchase of 150 Tasers at a cost of approximately \$600,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to seek your Board of Supervisors' (Board) authorization for the County Purchasing Agent to purchase 150 Tasers. Probation currently does not have the option to use tasers and would like to add an additional less-than-lethal use of force option for its armed deputies.

Probation currently has a use of force continuum that includes verbal commands, physical force, expandable batons, pepper spray and firearms. The Tasers would be added to these use of force options and allow an additional less than lethal use of force alternative, which is a proven method of de-escalating intense situations and reducing the rate of injuries to civilians and officers.

The Tasers are superior to the previous generation's tasers in that they activate with a better connection at close distances, contain an easier to see green laser, have an improved handle and an improved ability to penetrate clothing barriers. The purchasing package includes 150 Tasers, holsters, unlimited cartridges (both close quarters and standoff distances), 4 training suits, two Evidence.Com access licenses and training, 150 Taser battery packs with an additional 90 back up batteries with a 4-year warranty and wall mount brackets. The addition of the Tasers is part of the corrective action plan for Probation following its most recent officer-involved use of force incident.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #3 Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability. This purchase of the Tasers will enhance Probation's ability to continue to ensure the safety and well-being of the clients in our care and the communities we serve.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated cost of the Tasers is \$600,000. Sufficient appropriation is available within Probation's Fiscal Year 2021-22 operating budget and is 100% funded by the Post Release Community Supervision revenue.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, the Board adopted a policy whereby County departments are required to obtain Board approval to purchase equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions for purchasing. The estimated expense of \$600,000 exceeds the Board's \$250,000 threshold.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's Purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this request will enhance Probation's ability to safely conduct field operations and reduce the likelihood of utilizing lethal force.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

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